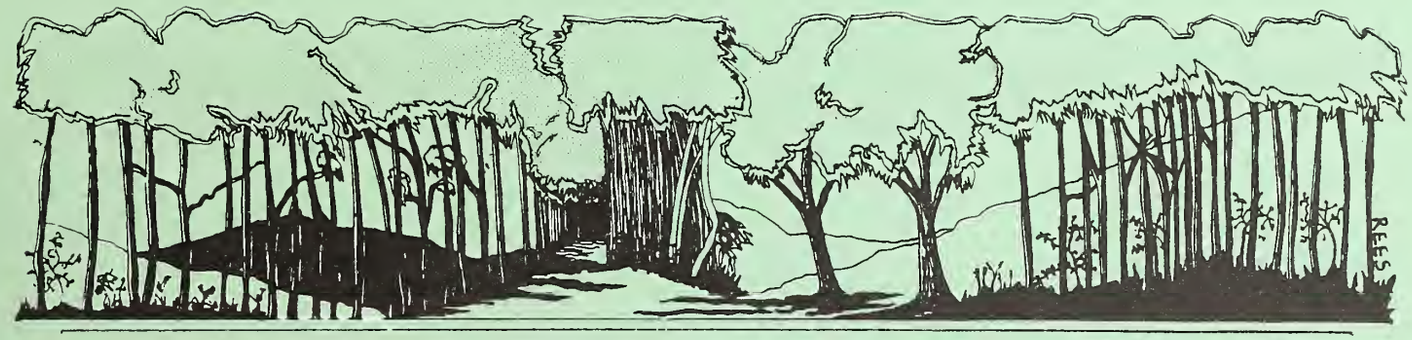

GLEN PARK NEWS

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GPA Annual Meeting in February

The Annual Meeting of the Glen Park Association will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in February -- February 14th, 1989 -- in the Recreation Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

What could be more romantic!

Recognizing that our Annual Meeting would fall on a special day, your Board discussed whether or not a rescheduling was in order. On a close 6-5 vote, it was decided to keep the date -- but to make it as pleasant as possible. Expect heart cookies and other romantic delights, in addition to elections and annual reports. Lovers are welcome.

As noted, officers and chairs will give brief reports on what they've been doing in the past year, their plans for this year, and solicit suggestions and problems from you our neighbors, as well.

This meeting is designed to give a broad overview of the general issues we face as a neighborhood, and provides an opportunity to officers and chairs to ensure their activities are reflecting the neighborhood's views. The Association is always more effective when it acts in concert with the majority of people in our community. For that reason, your participation is vital.

Election of Officers

In accordance with Article VII of the GPA bylaws, election of officers will be held at the Annual Meeting on February 14, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

GPA nominates the following slate, all current officers who have agreed to serve another term if re-elected. They are: President, Marcia DeHart; Vice President, Joan Seiwald; Corresponding Secretary, Sarah Glasgow; Membership Secretary, Lorraine Garrehy; and Treasurer, Nelson Combs. There is no nominee for the position of Recording Secretary.

Any voting member is elegible to serve as an officer. If you would be willing to serve as Recording Secretary and would like to be part of the GPA slate, call Marcia at 586-1735.

In addition, we strongly encourage nominations so that the election will be more interesting, and the results will most closely reflect neighborhood priorities. Nominations may be made from the floor at the January meeting, or right up to the time of voting during the Annual Meeting. You can nominate yourself. Candidate statements for contested offices will be heard at both times.

IMPORTANT! YOU MUST HAVE PAID YOUR DUES NO LATER THAN 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ORDER TO VOTE OR TO BE A CANDIDATE. Cut-off day is January 24, 1989, and dues must be in the Treasurer's hands by that date. Regretfully, there will be no exceptions. So get those dues in NOW!

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GPA Meeting Dates 1989

January 10 February 14* March 14

*Annual Meeting

Join the GPA! Have a Say!

TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU MUST PAY YOUR DUES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 24, 1989. All dues must be in the Treasurer's hands by that date. Regretfully, there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mark your calendar NOW!

Bruce Steps Aside

Longtime Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, Bruce Bonacker, has submitted his resignation. While Bruce wants to continue to be active on the committee, he is unable to keep up with the demands inherent in this extremely vital, active position.

We understand. We don't like it, but we understand. If you have a few hours a month, would be willing to visit City Hall and the Planning Office during those hours, and provide the follow-through monitoring that the job demands, the Association wants very much to hear from you.

Bruce will be equally willing, he says, to help provide guidance and background to a new chairperson -- an offer that is both gracious and necessary. So whoever volunteers won't be plunged into the icy depths of the Planning Code without adequate preparation.

New Traffic & Parking Chair

We are pleased to announce that GPA has a new Traffic and Parking Chairperson: James Goodfellow. It is a measure of the quality of the people who live in Glen Park and their dedication to our neighborhood that James volunteered only a month after previous chair Chris Seiwald stepped down, to move to Alameda.

James is preparing a traffic/parking survey to get your input on problems and potential mitigations. Look for it in the next News. If you'd like to help out, or if you have a specific concern, give James a call at 333-3661.

Happy Holidays!

Park Views

In October, the first annual Friends of Glen Canyon Park cleanup netted a half-ton of trash. That's 1000 pounds of paper, plastic bottles and cans, and general junk that littered our otherwise spectacular natural wilderness.

Amazingly, reports Dawn Murayama, the total was LESS this year than in previous cleanups. She attributes it to the on-going routine established by the Friends and others of carrying a bag with them when they hike, walk their dog, or do nature study. In addition, earlier in the year Rec & Park had removed the engines and stoves which people had dumped into the creek.

Not only was cleanup day a success, it was great fun. All ages showed up -- 40 people from toddlers to grandparents who worked together for two solid hours.

Earlier in the week, Glenridge Nursery School tots did their part. They cleaned up the area around the school -- and then made a beautiful rainbow out of the trash.

Credit for the event's success, says Dawn, belongs to Jean Conner and Jane Brassfield, coordinators of the event. Special thanks also go to the Glen Park Merchants Association who donated refreshments, and to Rec & Park for bags and a dump truck.

Playground update. Our new playground is finally in place, and already it's a big hit with the children. Dawn reports that the Friends have asked that vines be planted along the chain-link fence, to soften the effect. Passiflora has been suggested, which would be gorgeous.

Retirement. Tony, the Park's longtime gardener, retired last month and will be genuinely missed. For now, temporary gardeners will handle chores, but the Friends have a firm commitment from Rec & Park that a new permanent gardener will arrive in February. We look forward to meeting him or her.

No meeting in December. The Friends will next meet on January 24, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rec Center Auditorium.

Glen Park Association

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Membership Application

Name_____ Date_____

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Phone: Day_____ Home_____ This is a ___new ___renewal application.

What are your main interests or concerns about Glen Park?

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Would you be interested in helping further these interests by serving on a Committee?

___Yes ___No If yes, which one?_____

(Dues are $5.00 per PERSON and are for the 1989 calendar year)

Hit The Dirt – Join SLUG

The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) has some suggestions for city gardeners who lack only a plot of earth. 1) Find 5 kindred spirits who'd also like to garden. Never stop reaching out until your neighborhood is gardening! 2) Find a site. Eyeball vacant land, keeping in mind sun, slope and soil. SLUG has a list of vacant lots if you'd like some suggestions.

3) Identify the owner. Call the assessors office at 554-5525 for help. 4) Hold a meeting. SLUG will attend and help you decide whether you have the support to carry out your plans. 5) Secure the land. SLUG can help you negotiate a lease, get donations or even buy the parcel. They also can help you make sense of insurance and paperwork.

6) Mobilize resources and money. Be a scrounger. Look for materials and gardening supplies you'll need. Get a business to donate. Get yourself included in SLUG's funding. 7)Build the garden. (Now it begins to be fun!) SLUG can provide training and supplementary labor resources.

8) Start gardening! Join SLUG, use their library, attend their classes, get advice, seeds and supplies.

One of the most recent additions to Community Gardens in our neighborhood is in the 200 block of Arlington Street, formerly noted for its collection of abandoned cars. We spotted squashes, peas, beans (several varieties) and tomatoes this summer, along with gorgeous flowers. Now in winter, the brilliant red salvia brightens the block.

Similar transformations are possible on other unsightly lots. Give SLUG a call at 468-0110. They're great people!

Check it Out – At Our Library

A quick stop at the Glen Park Branch Library can cure holiday frazzles and wintertime blues. Not sure what will appeal? Ask Marcia and Amelia! You'll walk out with an armload of books, magazines, cassettes and records. All you'll need to lose yourself in another world is right there waiting for you.

Late Picks -- Here are some new arrivals sure to intrigue.

Bingo, by Rita Mae Brown. Octogenarian sisters compete for love at bingo night.

Mutation, by Robin Cook. An infertile couple is delighted with the birth of their son, an almost perfect human being, until certain genetic oddities turn their joy to terror. Arrives in January.

Midnight, by Dean Koontz. Koontz fans will rejoice in the foreboding and mysterious happenings in a picturesque northern California coastal town. Arrives January.

The Economic Time Bomb: How You Can Profit from the Emerging Crisis, by Harry Brown. Veteran investment advisor Browne offers new financial strategies for safety and profit in a vulnerable economy. Arrives January.

New Periodicals -- In addition to your old favorites, you'll also find some ideal new periodicals specially chosen to reflect needs and interests in Glen Park. They are: American Craft, Architectural Digest, Personal Computing, Children's Paradise (Chinese), and Parents, a donation from Carol, Harvey and Kate Steiman. Thank you!

Be sure to check out the newly expanded 'best sellers' shelves, new travel guides, children's books and magazines. They're all at your very own Glen Park Library.

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Tired of Abandoned Cars?

Abandoned autos. If you're sick of looking at one near you, the City has a new number to call -- 781-JUNK. We also have a new towing officer, Gary Esquette. If you see him working, say hi and give him an attaboy. It's a dirty job, and we are grateful he's there to do it.

Stolen autos and parts thereof. Ingleside Police District reports the number of stolen cars continues to climb, as drug dealers need temporary, untraceable wheels for dealing. In addition, theft of parts and items continues unabated, as users continue to seek readily-fence-able items for quick cash.

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HEADS UP!

Purse snatching goes on unabated in Glen Park, particularly in the 'village' area and on the steeper parts of Diamond Street. With the holidays here, we can expect even more. So please -- be careful. And remember, nothing in your purse is worth sustaining an injury or worse. If you break up various credit cards, your checkbook and cash and keep them in various pockets, you can surrender your purse with less worry.

Mostly, though, be alert and aware of what's going on around you -- including any cars, motorcycles or bikes nearby. Walk with your purse on the non-street-side of your body.

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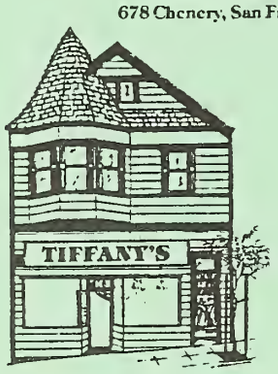

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Forum Realty has the Christmas Spirit

Three princes attended Forum Realty's St. Anthony benefit on Dec. 3rd, bearing gifts. Their chauffeur, Stanley Prawicki, presented the three princes to the Forum Associates on the front steps of the Miraloma Club House. The princes reached deeply into their pockets and withdrew a year's worth of savings.

Ken and Tom Evans, 12 and 6 years old, and Marh Fehrm, 8, decided to donate a year's savings from their piggy banks. Their grandfather, Stan Prawicki, a Miraloma Park resident, was the inspiration for the boys' benevolence to St. Anthony's Dining Room.

'Of the 535 lbs. of food and $885.00 in checks donated, this contribution best signifies the true spirit of our benefit," said Janet Moore, a Forum Associate.

Have you paid your 1989 dues yet? Remember, if you want to vote at the Annual Meeting, your dues must have been received no later than January 24th.

Parish Census

About 25 years ago the Church of St. John the Evangelist, located at 19 St. Mary's Avenue, conducted the last parish census. To update the parish records and assess the needs of the parish at this time, a 'Mail-It' Census Program started in mid-November.

The census kit was mailed to every household in the area. Each kit contained an introductory letter, census card and other pertinent material. Every Catholic family has been requested to return the completed census card promptly to St. John the Evangelist Church. Non-Catholic residents who receive the Census Kit are asked to either pass it along to a Catholic friend, neighbor, renter or to simply discard the material. This new and unique mail-type census completely eliminates the need for door-to-door visits. The active phase of the census will continue until Jan., 1989.

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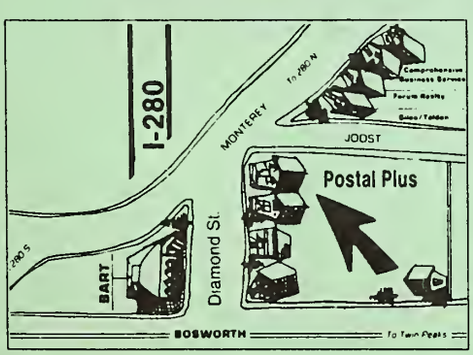

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